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### REMARKS

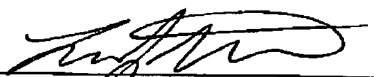
The pending Office Action addresses and rejects claims 1-25.

At the outset, Applicant thanks Examiner Comstock and Examiner Roberts for extending the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicant's attorney on January 26, 2005. During the interview, an agreement was reached that the claims, as amended, distinguish over the art of record. Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of pending claims 1-6, 8, and 10-24.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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